GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF LENTILS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to increase the production of lentils in the country; and

(b) the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): For increasing the production of pulses including lentils in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is underimplementations in 30 States/UTs. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, rhyzobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, micronutrients etc. In addition, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for transfer of improved production and protection technology for increasing the production of pulses including Lentils in the country.

In order to provide remunerative prices to the farmers growing Lentil, this crop has also been included under Minimum Support Prices (MSP) by the Government. This will encourage the farmers to go in for large scale cultivation of lentil in the country.